

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently amended) A polynucleotide cassette comprising an hTERT promoter operably linked with an E1A gene, an IRES sequence, and an E1B gene in this order, wherein the cassette is capable of replicating in a local cancer area, ~~cancer cell~~.

5. (Previously presented) A recombinant virus comprising the polynucleotide according to claim 4.

6. (Original) The virus according to claim 5, wherein the virus is an adenovirus.

7. (Previously presented) An anticancer agent comprising the virus according to claim 5 as an active ingredient and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, excipient or diluent.

8. (Currently amended) A method of killing cancer cells, comprising the step of:

(a) locally administering an effective amount of the recombinant virus according to claim 5 to a patient in need thereof, such that the recombinant virus is capable of replicating in a local cancer area ~~cancer cell~~ of the patient, and wherein replication of the recombinant virus kills the cancer cell in local cancer area.

9. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 8, wherein the cancer is at least one cancer selected from the group consisting of stomach cancer, large bowel cancer, lung cancer, liver cancer, prostate cancer, pancreas cancer, esophagus cancer, bladder cancer, gallbladder/bile duct cancer, breast cancer, uterine cancer, thyroid cancer and ovarian cancer.

10. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein the cancer is at least one selected from the group consisting of osteosarcoma and brain tumor.

11. (Currently amended) A method of killing cancer cells, comprising the step of:

(a) locally administering an effective amount of the anticancer agent according to claim 7 to a patient in need thereof, such that the virus is capable of replicating in a local cancer area ~~cancer cell~~ of the patient, and wherein replication of the recombinant virus kills the cancer cell in the local cancer area.

12. (Currently amended) The recombinant virus according to claim 5, wherein replication of the virus kills the cancer cell in the local cancer area.